

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Vest Makes Himself Conspicuous
in the Senate.
WE IS AN ENEMY OF PERVERSEY.

A slight change made in the House rules, after
a House Rules-Favorable vote on the
Bullock Wagon Road Bill.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The committee on
territories introduced the bill authorizing
the entry of a certain tract of land (320
acres) for townsite purposes for the town of
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Hoar introduced a concurrent resolution
for continuing the vote for president and vice-
president, referred to the committee on privileges
and elections. It provides that the two
houses of congress shall assemble in the hall
of the house of representatives in Washington,
D. C., at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the
afternoon that the president of the senate
shall be the presiding officer; that two per-
sons be appointed tellers on the part of the
senate and two on the part of the house to
tally the votes and report the result
to the president of the senate, who is to an-
nounce the state of the vote and the persons
elected; that such announcement shall
be deemed a final adjournment of both houses
of congress and vice-president of the
United States, and shall be entered on the
journals of the two houses.

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2510, as to the admission of material free of
duty, necessary for the construction of
fortifications, etc., in the United
States for foreign account and ownership, or
for foreign trade, the amendment being to
strike out of the section the words "angles,
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nents which may be necessary for the
construction and equipment of vessels" and
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OREGON WAGON ROAD GRANTS.
A Favorable Report Ordered on the Dolph
Bill.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house committee
on public lands has ordered a report upon
the bill to recover lands granted to aid
the construction of wagon roads in Oregon.
It is proposed that a bill be brought in
which is not specially enumerated from 25 to
40 per cent. in value, paragraph 22.

Vest moved to strike out of the free list
of material, orange flower, and to substitute
salt.

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of salt, rosemary, and lavender oil.

Allison suggested to Vest not to consume
time unnecessarily in offering these amend-
ments in detail, but to move to strike out all
the items on the free list if there was any
possibility of doing so.

Vest said he was thinking about lavender
oil, rather perfume, but did care something
about the necessities of life.

The amendment was rejected—yea 20,

and Africh offered several amendments which
were voted down; among them being one to
put a rate of 45 cents per pound on hogs,
sheep and goat lambs, paragraph 22, and
another of wood of all kinds, paragraph 23.

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grade of lieutenant general of the United
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HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House passed a bill, H. R. 1444, to
increase the pay of the many Ad-
mirals, Secretaries, &c., five Octaves.

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the reading of the journal, Randell, from the
committee on rules, reported a resolution
to adjourn at 6 o'clock. The proposition was
voted to—
An interesting debate, in which Cannon
and Reid took the ground that it should be
agreed to as strengthening the right and
increasing the authority of the committee on
rules.

Reid moved to strike out of the bill the
provision requiring the committee on rules
to report to the house on the 1st of January.

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THE SCOTT EXCLUSION ACT.

The Test Case Advanced by the Supreme
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On the part of the states, Cooley, of North
Carolina, introduced a bill authorizing the
construction of a wagon road from Salt Lake
City to the coast of the Pacific ocean, and
moved its reference to the committee on
appropriations. The members of the ways
and means committee opposed the motion.

Chandler introduced a bill in the house to
allow the construction of a wagon road from
Salt Lake City to the coast of the Pacific ocean.

Baldwin, of North Carolina, introduced a
bill to repeal the tobacco tax, and moved its
reference to the committee on war claims.

After further debate the resolution was
agreed to, and the bill was referred to the
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McBride's Speech Before the House Com-
mittee—Memorial from Idaho.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The hearing by the
house committee on territories of the claims
of the Union was continued to-day.

J. T. McBride, of Salt Lake City, ad-
dressed the committee in opposition to the
payment of the claim. He represented,
that the law makes no provision for the
territory. Wherever there are Mor-
mons, for some reason or other, they have
been unable to get along with anybody else.
That is why it was named the Mormon
territory. The bill was referred to the
committee on territories, and it was introduced
into the house.

McBride, of Salt Lake City, introduced a
bill to prohibit the sale of tobacco in
Utah against the laws of the United States.

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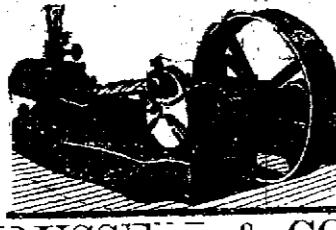
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By Law.—Amendment of the charter of the City of La Grande in Union county.

By Pop. To regulate the practice of medical practitioners.

By Roberts—Creating the office of state examiner of stationary and other engines and providing for the examination of engines.

By Ladd—Providing for the appointment of harbor masters at Portland and Astoria.

By Northup—For the regulation of pilotage on the Columbia river bar and on the Columbia and Willamette rivers. Adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

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The Senate was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

President Simon took his seat in the influence of the senate because no delegation was present to open the session.

President Simon appointed as pages James Clark of Polk county and Charles Henderson of Salem, mailing clerk, W. H. Mattoon of Clackamas.

Adjourned from the house announcing that it had adjourned and was ready for business was read.

The chair then announced the appointment of the following standing committee:

Industries—Barin, Moore, Fullerton, Tongue,

Ways and Means—Carson, Chamberlain, Dawson, Gauthier, Chamberlain.

Commerce—Looney, Veatch.

Claims—Walt, Gray, Ealey.

Corporations—Walt, Mackay, Congwell.

Education—Dewey, Watkin, Wats, Barth, Congwell.

Federal Relations—Mackay, Wats, Veatch.

Internal Revenue—Bunting, Shattock, Stanley.

Printing—Shattock, Stoddard, Congwell.

Railroads—Stoddard, North, Shattock, Stanley.

Public Buildings—Chamberlain, Carson, Guy.

Roads and Highways—Tongue, Davis, Ward.

Counties—Horn, Elkins, Irvine.

Military Affairs—Walt, Wager.

Navigation—Hilt, Caulfield, Moore.

Recreational—Horn, Elkins, Stanley.

Assessments—Eakin, Hilton, Hall, Wats, Chamberlain.

Agriculture—Looney, Nervil, Irvinge.

Territory, Miners—Etc.

By Congwell—Memorizing congress to appropriate money necessary to enforce the act excluding Chinese from the United States adopted January 1.

By Wager—A bill to give the legislature to provide for holding a term of the supreme court in Eastern Oregon, referred to committee on judiciary.

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On motion of Carson the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Wager a concurrent resolution providing for a committee to examine the books of the state treasurer, carried.

HILLS READING.

An act to repeal an act defining crimes and providing a punishment for the same.

By Wager—A bill to divide the state into three supreme court districts and to hold sessions at Salem, Jacksonville and Pendleton.

House concurrent resolution providing for a joint committee to wait on the governor and inform him that both houses are to receive any communication he may have from the state treasurer, who was appointed and the chair appointed Wager and Dimick on the committee.

By Sinclair—To promote drainage for agricultural and sanitary purposes.

By Irvinge—To amend the Albany charter.

House concurrent resolution No 3 providing for a joint committee to examine into the affairs of the state treasurer, who was appointed.

By Wager—Appropriating \$200 for the relief of Joel J. Fenn.

By Dawson—Making the sheriff who have served a writ of garnishment.

By Eakin—Amending section 235 of the time when county courts shall meet.

By Wager—To regulate the foreclosure of mortgages and providing by whom taxes shall be paid.

By Haley—To regulate trust companies.

By Dawson—Confirming deeds.

By Dawson—Granting sheriffs to summon the regular jury panel five days before the convening of court.

By Haley—To confer to Umatilla county block 12 in the city of Pendleton.

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A MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCE.

Ad Overland Passenger for Three Times on the Train to New Orleans.

Salem, Jan. 15.—A mysterious shooting affair occurred on the overland train this evening at a point near Gervais. Frank A. Pease, formerly of San Francisco and on his way there was standing on the platform of the train when he heard a shot. He ran to the rear of the train and saw a man shot in the left arm below the elbow, who was still alive. He ran back to the front of the train and saw another man shot in the right arm. Both men were unconscious. The man with the right arm was dead. The man with the left arm was still alive. He was taken to the hospital.

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A PLEA FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Miss Emily Addams, Ruth Hayes of the Idaho Legislature.

Boise City, Jan. 15.—Miss Addams, who was addressed to the state treasurer, was received by him this morning. She said she had written to the state treasurer, asking him to forward her address to the state legislature.

By Eakin—To provide for the completion of the wagon road from Pendleton to Canby.

By Dimick—for corruption of the Canby administration.

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OTHER COAST EVENTS.

Sgt. Waterman's Controversy With Capt. Mullan.

THE CALIFORNIA BANK FAILURE.

Arrest of an Impostor—A Mystery Deepening—Accidentally shot by a Policeman—Personal and General Notes From San Francisco.

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WATER SUPPLY.

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A PORK PACKERY.

The Western Star says that a pork packing establishment is one of the enterprises promoted at The Dalles the coming summer.

Many farmers, holding the view that hogs, bacon and bacon from the packeries of the middle west bring in a market value which is greater than pork raising, will be inclined to follow suit. Another reason is that a packery which takes the live animals from the barns and drives them upon the market in a variety of products, by a systematic process, that knows no such word as waste. If such an industry as this invited to Oregon comes from hog raising, true, they can sell out the family, property, and clothing bills, and turning out a market value for these items by no means to be despised. But they cannot hope to keep the market of the great western packeters out of the Oregon market unless a steady market for live hogs, and all of them that they can raise is assured.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

This is the intent of the capitalists who propose to build a packery at The Dalles, hog raising must surely become profitable in Eastern Oregon. Low prices and high freights combine to make grain raising a discrediting business for farmers of the interior who would be glad to turn the profits of their fertile fields into pork.

THE CASE OF MONTANA.

Montana always has a place in the list of territories to be entered into states; and, though its population as yet does not exceed 140,000, or at most 150,000, it nevertheless has great resources, is an inviting place for immigration, and will undoubtedly have a very heavy population within a few years. Very probably, it will have 200,000 before the machinery of a state government can be set in operation.

The rapid development of the territory in every essential particular is proof that it's destined to be a great commonwealth, and that there will be no sudden check to its growth. The number of cattle has increased from 22,000 to 1,500,000; of sheep, from 120,000 to more than 2,000,000; of horses, from 40,000 to more than 200,000; acres of land under cultivation, from 265,000, were than 2,000,000; of miles of railroad, from a dozen or so to more than 2,000. Almost 200,000 acres of farming lands have been taken up during the last three years, showing that most of its agricultural development has been during this brief period. It is claimed by the governor of the territory that the average yield per acre of wheat, oats, Irish potatoes and other staple grains in Montana during the year 1888 was equal to that of any other territory or state in the Union.

The governor shows also that the territory is very rich in timber, in splendid marbles, and in inexhaustible water supplies. Great stores of coal await the future manufacturer. The population is largely American, and shows keen interest in public education characteristic of the race. Montana has all the attributes of a commonwealth fit to join the great circle of states. It only lacks the attraction of climate to make it the equal of Oregon and Washington.

STUDYING THE WEATHER.

That "times change and men change with them" is an old adage, but that meteorological conditions follow the seasons is not so well established. Nevertheless, the study of this country during the last century seems to support such a theory, and there has been a beginning of scientific proofs tending to establish it. It is cited that the clearing away of forests in the older portions of the country has a tendency to diminish the rainfall of the regions so denuded; conversely, it is a settled fact that on the treeless Western plains "the rain follows the plow," so that on the erewhile arid prairies of Western Kansas and Nebraska the area of rainfall draws westward every year, as the area of cultivation pushes in that direction.

From these points the science of meteorology is laboring to build up a system of accurate weather prediction, which is however, yet in its infancy. It has reached the point of a cheap and certain method of ascertaining with more or less accuracy and trace their course with a tolerable degree of certainty.

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The legislature showed, in the promptness with which organization was effected, a disposition to get down to business that gives promise of a useful session. A reversal of the regular method of transacting legislative business instead of in the last few days of the session would be an improvement that the people of the state generally would appreciate.

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ALONG THE EASTERN BANK.

The P. & W. Railway Co. have given orders for two new coaches.

Improvement of Twentieth Street—Shade Trees—Albion's Charter—Fateful Accident—Buy Bonds—Bridge Approach—Etc.

There is scarcely any doubt but that before the close of the present year Twenty-first street will be opened and improved. Already several houses are being built on that street, between Hawthorne avenue and N street, and more are contemplated. There will not be less than twenty houses within that space within six months, and some time thereafter among them. It would surprise any one to see how fast out there likely to move how rapidly that portion of the city is building up. It is a mistake to suppose that the city grows northward exclusively. The year will also witness other streets in the eastern part besides Twenty-first opened and improved. Last year it was hardly considered necessary to improve that street, but it is now considered too far back to be remote.

NEW COACHES

The Portland & Vancouver Railway Company have just given an order to the Pullman Car Company for the construction of two very elegant passenger coaches, which are to be completed as soon as possible, and will be placed on the line between Portland and Vancouver, each carrying forty-two passengers. They will be supplied with all the latest and most approved appliances, and will also have air heat. The cost has been kept down to a minimum.

The question of tainted meats and other food offered for sale in the city came up for discussion, the result of which was the appointment of a committee consisting of George Woodard and Sears, to investigate the matter and prepare a report.

Mr. Shanahan of the committee on humane literature reported that no cause for alarm had been found. The every pleasant day the business is remarkably good. There is an over crowd every sun day in the weather is pleasant. When the deputes in contemplation, the number of animals to be taken over the line will be enormous. Double the number of trips a day will be made.

RAILROAD NEWS

One business house in a certain block in East Portland is preparing to move out, in consequence of the rent being raised nearly 100 per cent. No such rent as is paid for office space is ever heard of in the city of East Portland, and any attempt to form rent up here to the west side charges will result in the future as it always has in the past, in closing up the business. Ease of access and low rent are the chief inducements.

About the time he begins to make a little, the landlord comes along, and if he sees evidence of prosperity, he remarks: "I guess I'll raise you ten cents." Once more the landlord's prosperity will not get his stock of goods to the west side.

He will not get better terms, but hopes to do more business.

THE SPAN NEARLY COMPLETED

The iron span from the railroad bridge to the top of the bank in Holliday's addition, is almost completed. Last evening the men were engaged in removing the last of the earthworks, and the bridge stands about one-half completed. It is simply a continuation of the bridge—the upper portion—from the river to connect the high bank with Holiday avenue with one span, high enough to allow a car to pass under it. The incuse from the east end of the approach has not yet been made, but will be at once. The street car line will be extended over the bridge at once.

IN THE RAILROAD YARDS

There must be about a thousand box cars on the various switches in the railroad yards near the terminal grounds. Long lines of cars stretch in every direction. This unusual number is explained by the fact that little grain is coming in and they are not needed. Not so many men are employed in the yards, and the number of railroads has greatly decreased. Only a few hundred men have been discharged, a few of whom have gone to Washington territory in search of employment. It is not likely that cars will remain massed at that point very long.

AKES DISPLACED

The other morning a lady passing along Found street did not notice the jump-off from the building where the Salvation Army's former hall stood, fell and dislocated her ankle. Attention has been called to the condition of the sidewalk on the east side of the street before, and the county commissioners have voted to grade it to grade, but for some reason the master was dropped. Some action should be taken to have the sidewalk put to grade, or a serious accident may happen.

AKES RETURNED CHARTER

The committee are at work on the revision of Albion's charter, enlarging the boundaries of the city, including the number of additional acres to be added. The proposed charter will include the indebtedness allowed to \$10,000, in place of \$1000, as it now is, but provides that the city may circulate a loan of \$10,000, and that the city may have a loan of \$10,000, and that the city tax shall not exceed 6 mills.

SETTLEMENTS OVER SHADY TEALES

Mr. W. T. Nicholson, who resides on Sixteenth and J streets, stated yesterday that he has caused to be set out along the streets in that neighborhood not less than 100 shade trees, and that the same have been planted with great care. The trees are in the right condition. It is a move in the right direction, and it is expected that other citizens will do the same.

FINKING IN PROSPECT

A few nights of cold weather will freeze up the sloughs and give a fine skating rink at home. A dam placed across the ditch that drains the sloughs has caused the water to rise, and the ice is now about a wide "field" with a good deal of open water. It is also provided that the city tax shall not exceed 6 mills.

COURT OF ALBION HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY

BUDGET OF BELLWOOD NEWS.

Some are a little premature in our complaint about this matter. We wait and see who are the champions of this division move.

L. W. W.

The supposition that the proposed division is to be pushed by anybody outside Umatilla county is erroneous. The movement for division comes wholly from within the county, and is no concern of outsiders—Ed. OREGONIAN

MERRY TO MAN AND BRUTE

Meeting of the Oregon Humanitarians—See Donations Work and Growing Influence

The executive committee of this society recently held its regular quarterly meeting in the Unitarian church. Present President T. L. Elliot, Mrs. M. S. Burwell, Miss Ruth E. Rounds Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell, W. T. Shanahan, C. H. Woodward, James Steel, Alfred F. Sears, George H. Himes, Captain Felix Martin.

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GATHERED ON THE BOUNDS.

Some of the News of the Town Told Under Sideheads.

L.O.O.P. Installation of Officers—Disappearance of a Horse and Buggy—City Police at Work—Cruelty to Animals.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Five months ago Mr. Hudson, of the gun store on First street, received a present from Biparis of a monkey of other marmosates—little mites of nature, certainly not more than a week or two old. For three months and a half he kept them in a bottle, admiring their beauty and their naturalness, and lost not a drop of water. At that time one died and the survivor was transferred to the box in which he is now exhibited in Mr. Hudson's store window. This box is now too small for him to grow in its present dimensions, about ten inches long, with a well-developed rattle. The animal is for sale, and a good sum of such curiosities can be obtained. It is said to be sold for \$10. Mr. Hudson is determined to see how long the reptile will live without food or water. It may be for years; it may be forever, but the question will now be settled.

ANOTHER TIME.—The lights and some committee who have been sitting as a board of equalization on the city tax roll, and who have had rather an interesting time, if, adjourned yesterday till Friday when according to law they will hold their final meeting and close up the business.

THE LIGHT-HOUSE TENDER.—The light-house tender Monzants will arrive to-day with a number of buoys to be repaired on the Columbia river, and some breakwaters and supplies, and on the way will establish two state lights in the Columbia.

IN NEW QUARTERS.—The Opera millinery store has moved to No. 67 Morrison street, where they have fitted up the handsomest and largest millinery store in the Northwest, and will gladly receive their old patrons as well as the new.

POSITIVE FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.—The Oregonian has received a positive report from the meeting of the 25th census a pair Kohala, Hawaii, 60 cents. These houses must be closed out in these two days by Arthur Kuhn, corner Second and Morrison streets.

ENGLISH MERINOS UNDERWEAR.—A job lot opened to-day, which will be sold for \$3 50 per suit, worth regular \$6 a suit. Arthur Kuhn, corner Second and Morrison streets.

THE STRANGE ALLIANCE.—Arrived this morning and is now receiving freight at foot of Street for Gray's harbor.

MOST SHOCKING DEED.
A Man Blows Out His Brains With a Rifle Yesterday.

The Act of Self-Slaughter Committed With the Utmost Deliberation and Precision—He Motive Assigned—Ghastly Sight.

Last night about 6 o'clock word was brought to the city that a man had committed suicide in the house of Judge Colton, who lives some three miles out, near the Catholic cemetery. The information was brought in by Nicolas Busch, a man working in the cemetery and also boarding with Judge Colton.

"It was about 4:30 o'clock," said Busch, "when I came home, I found the house to enter the house. I knew the name of the folks were home, so I went directly to the room of John [that is the only name I know him by] who was working for Mr. Colton. Not having seen him for some time, I thought I could find him in and have a pleasant chat with him. I walked up to his room and when I opened the door, I was horrified to see the form of John lying in a pool of blood. The sight so frightened me that I did not stop to take a second look. I rushed out, and at once started to report what I had seen to the coroner, but I had gone only a short distance when I encountered Mr. Schreider. Mr. Schreider is the coroner to the county.

When Mr. Schreider first heard of the suicide he was inclined not to believe it," said he to Busch, "it was less than fifteen minutes ago when I saw John walking about outside."

Meers Holman & Delin, when they had heard the harrowing tale, at once chartered an express team and sent for the remains.

The expressman returned about 9:30, bringing with him two installments of the suicide. In a plain wooden coffin were the remains of the man, and in a two-quart tin bucket his brains.

When the expressman arrived at the house of Judge Colton, and entered the parlor, where the deceased had been committed, he was confronted with a ghastly gory spectacle. One look told the tale of the bloody drama. Upon the bier there was a rifle, lying on the floor in a pool of blood was the body of the dead man. The entire top of his head was blown off, and the brains were scooped out as clean as if they were removed by a dentist. The bullet had passed through his head and collar presented a crimson stain for blood, brain and splintered pieces of skull bespattered the entire interior.

The relatives had placed the coffin and carried it out with the same small bucket were gathered the brains and fragments of skull which were scattered about the room. From the position of the man and rifle, it appeared that he died with the greatest of care and precision. The suicide must have placed the stock of the rifle on the bier and the muzzle pointed directly at his head, and fired his shot. In this position, with a looking-glass before him, enabling him to take an accurate aim, the little combination was worked which had made full preparations for the awful deed. He had removed his boot, while his coat was found hanging on a hook. The reporter viewed the results of the morbid act, and in nearly every case had been unable to identify the man, and could so terribly disfigure the man's face and skull. The entire top of the skull commencing at the eyes and including the right ear was completely blown away.

The man was a German, probably about 35 years of age. He has a dark mustache and black hair. His face otherwise is smooth. He was dressed in a heavy blue flannel shirt and blue overalls. No papers or documents were found in his pockets, nor any light on the question of his identity, but it is very likely that his name is known.

All that could be learned last night is that he was a single man, and had been a friend to Judge Colton for several months past. No cause for the act is known, for the man had always conducted himself in a sensible and rational way.

It is very probable that an inquest will be held some time during the day.

SECTION 15 WAS CHANGED SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CONSOLIDATION CHARTER—Vesting all the rights of the citizens of Portland in the new city of Portland, and making all the abilities of each of the present corporations liabilities of and to the new city.

SECTION 16 WAS AMENDED SO AS TO TRANSFER THE POLICE POWERS OF EITHER OF THE THREE PRE-CITY CORPORATIONS TO THE POLICE COURT OF THE CONSOLIDATED CITY.

SECTION 19 WAS AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRESENT CITY OF PORTLAND SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS FOR WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW CORPORATION FOR THREE YEARS, ONE FOR TWO YEARS AND ONE FOR THREE YEARS, ONE FOR EACH OF THE THREE PROPOSED NEW WARDS (FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH).

These amendments were discussed at some length, but were finally adopted by the committee, as a whole, without further amendment.

CHAPTER XIII, COVERING THE SUBJECTS OF WATER WORKS, WAS DISPOSED OF AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, AND THE COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO SPLIT UP THE SAME IN THE LAST REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMUNICATORS.

The act in the charter establishing a fire department was referred to Mr. L. C. Stearns, the owner of this piece of obstructive property ready to do, making it necessary thereto for the city to do. The prisoners did their work with a will, and when the day of trial came, Officer Morgan returned with them safely to the city jail. No attempt was made to escape.

ONE ROB A RACE.—Thomas Jones, who, though he does not claim to be an swift on foot as Alatriste, as strong as Hercules, yet is he willing to give a Levee, the East Portland sprinter a run. He says he is not to be beaten in a race, and will run for \$100 to \$1000 to set a dash of eighty yards. He wants only ten feet the start. "Now" says Jones, "If Loveland and his backers are anxious to have a race with me, will either the two of you agree to make arrangements with me? If we make after the first four is to pot down."

INSURANCE.—The installation service of Actue Rebores degree, I. O. O. F., took place a few days ago at the hall. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Rowland, noble grand; Mrs. Cole, vice noble grand; Hatch, president; Mr. Clegg, vice president; Mrs. Madson, secretary; Lucy Scott, warden; Miss Hall, conductor; Mr. Madden and Mrs. Norris, supporters of noble grand; Miss Cable and Mrs. Gardner, supporters of assistant noble grand; Emma Shepherd, junior warden; Mr. Henry, outer door keeper.

DISLOCATED HER SHOULDERS.—Mrs. B. Ingalls met with a slight accident at her home on Thirteenth and I streets early Monday morning. As she was stepping from the porch into the doorway she stumbled over a little dog whose presence she had not noticed. She fell, striking her shoulder in such a manner as to dislocate her right shoulder. The injury though somewhat painful is not serious and Mrs. Ingalls is now doing well at the Portland hospital where she was taken to have her injuries dressed.

IT WILL BE A FINE ORIGIN.—The rooms on the corner of Seventh and Morrison streets, to be used as a central office by the secretary of the city board of charities, are almost ready for occupancy. During the past few days carpenters have made the outer casing in place, and the interior painters were at work giving the entire interior a new coat of paint. Mr. W. G. Stell, the secretary of the association, will be ready to take possession either to-morrow or the day after.

TRAVELING WOMAN TO GO HOME.—D. Bass, a woman of slender, wavy, wavy hair, who resides here in the city, had fallen off her bridge and a pair of overcoats which he had left by the door, stolen by some thief. A gentleman from Estes, with two friends of the city, had precisely the same trick played upon him, and the woman was taken to the police station to be questioned.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. L. Lyman, of San Francisco, is registered at the Hotel Marion.

Captain Sebree recently the donors referred to his approaching departure, some have formed an idea that he was going away soon. It is customary for men occupying the position of Captain Sebree, to spend three years on shore and then to go to sea for a like term. Captain Sebree's three years at this port expired last November, but a short time ago the expiration of his term received orders from the navy department to remain here till October 1, 1889, unless otherwise ordered. So there is but a very slight chance for his leaving here till next October, and the right time for him to leave.

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